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Mr A Waite (462922); Mr R Lord (464034). Ms S Rainbow (462383.) Mr D Howarth (463304) Mrs S Kelly (465343)

Minutes of the meeting of the Parish Council held on Thursday, 7th June 2007, at 7.30 pm in the Buccleuch Hall, Lindal.

Present:- Councillors A Waite (Chairman); Ms S Rainbow; D Howarth; Mrs S Kelly.

Also present:- 5 members of the public.

In attendance:-

WPC Karen Harris, Cumbria Constabulary

Apologies from the District's ward councillors.

61/07 Apologies:- Councillor Lord

62/07 "Acceptance of Office" declarations.

With the "Acceptance of Office" declaration form not being available, Councillor Ms Rainbow made a verbal affirmation that she would abide by the Code of Conduct. The Clerk confirmed that he would ensure that the form was completed within two days and that Councillor Rainbow received a copy of the Code.

63/07 Urgent business. Items normally needing to be publicised but received too late for the agenda.

None.

64/07 Disclosure of Interests.

None.

65/07 Minutes of the meeting held on Thursday, 17th May 2007.

The minutes of the Meeting held on Thursday, 17th May 2007 were taken as read and APPROVED.

PROPOSED:- Councillor Howarth.

SECONDED:- Councillor Mrs Kelly.

Carried unanimously

66/07 Matters arising.

- a) 51/07 The Clerk reported that he was still waiting for a response from Royal Mail confirming that they would honour their commitment to revert back to an afternoon collection from the post-box on the A590 by the bus-stop.
- b) 56/07 The Clerk confirmed that he had advised Barrow Borough Council of the Parish Council's concerns about the pruning of the trees on Lindal Village Green. He had been told that such concerns had been passed over to the experts who had compiled the original report and that an answer was still outstanding.

67/07 Attendance of Officer from Cumbria Constabulary.

WPC Harris apologised for no-one being in attendance at the last meeting.

Reference was made to a recent spate of petty vandalism following an outdoor party held in Lindal. Several incidents of minor vandalism had been reported in the early hours of Sunday, 27th May 2007, and the Police were appealing for further information and/or witnesses.

Councillor Mrs Kelly asked whether the establishment of a Neighbourhood Watch scheme would be helpful in trying to combat such incidents. WPC Harris suggested that this could be a useful development but several localised schemes would be better than one for the whole village.

It was AGREED that the Clerk discuss with the editor of "Aspects" the possibility of publishing an article publicising the idea that Neighbourhood Watch schemes could be established in the Parish. Councillor Mrs Kelly indicated her willingness to allow anyone interested to call at her hairdressing salon in Lindal ("Kurly's") to leave their names. Provided that there were sufficient expressions of interest, the idea could be taken forward with the assistance of WPC Harris.

From the floor came a query to WPC Harris regarding the restrictions on local HGV drivers who wished to bring their vehicles into Lindal and, of necessity, found that they were contravening the HGV restrictions in the vicinity of the Church. It was AGREED that

- a) WPC Harris request the Traffic Management Officer (TMO) to discuss the particular problems with the vehicle-owner and
- b) the Clerk would approach the County Council roads department to ask that they assess the situation in association with the TMO and the vehicle-owner.

68/07 Report of School Governors. Submission of minutes – if any.

The minutes from the meeting of the governors held on 19/03/07 were NOTED.

69/07 Lindal Village Green.

The Clerk reported that, regrettably, the contractor who had tendered for the kerb contract had revised his quotation with a result that an additional £2,000 would be required. Barrow Borough Council had already agreed to the work being done whilst the original tender price stood (bringing the overall price to about £42,000 i.e., £2,000 above the amount previously allocated) and the Clerk was awaiting news as to whether the additional funding would be available, which would require a total allocation of around £44,000.

70/07. Draft Standing Orders.

The draft Standing Orders (previously circulated) were discussed and it was AGREED that more time be allowed for these to be assessed and that the matter be an agenda item for the next meeting.

71/07 Planning applications relating to the Parish.

None.

72/07 Correspondence.

- a) Planning applications outwith the Parish. NOTED.
- b) Public Payphone, Marton. The decision by BT to down-grade the payphone in Marton to a cashless phone (allowing cards, 999 calls, 100 calls and 0800 calls) was NOTED.
- c) SLDC Kendal/Lancaster canal. Development of the Kendal end. NOTED.

73/07 Finance.

- a) Cash balances :- Current account £50 Reserve account:- £2448.52
- b) The Clerk submitted a request for a petty cash cheque in the sum of £24.55 It was PROPOSED by Councillor Howarth and SECONDED by Councillor Mrs Kelly that this be approved and a cheque signed accordingly. Carried unanimously

74/07 Any Other Business.

- a) The Clerk produced guidance documents from the Standards Board and these were distributed to each councillor.
- b) The Clerk reported that the application to SLDC for a licence to operate a stone-crushing plant on a site adjacent to Whinfield Farm had been granted, this to expire on 31st May, 2012.
- c) Councillor Howarth asked whether anything was known about previously-discussed suggestions that traffic lights be provided at the A590/The Green junction in Lindal. Councillor Mrs Kelly wondered whether the provision of yellow cross-hatching across the junction might be beneficial in terms of traffic-management. The Clerk indicated that nothing had been heard on this matter for some time and it was AGREED that he contact the Highways Agency to ascertain the latest position regarding lights and to mention the suggestion of cross-hatching.

75/07 Date and Time of Next Meeting.

It was AGREED that the next meeting be held on Thursday, 4th July 2007, at 7.30 pm in the Buccleuch Hall, Lindal.

All residents of the Parish are reminded that the Council meetings are open to the public and that all are welcome to attend.